TELECON

Mr. Enders/The Secretary

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K: I just found out that you cooked up a letter to Schmidt without telling me. Don't you think I should be informed before it is done?

E: I thought.....

K: I may or may not be of importance, but communications to Schmidt are of interest to me because I have other things going on with him.

E: It is my fault. I assumed it was alright after that memo I sent you last week.

K: The content is alright but the tactics are not. Schmidt has an enormous aversion to Simon.

E: Simon suggested....

K: I suggested alot of things to Simon for tactics sake only. At one time I might have suggested to Schmidt to see Simon to get him off my back, but I would never send Simon for serious negotiations with Schmidt. I might have told Schmidt to see him about other initiatives.

E: Burns is going.

K: No, as I understand it only if Schmidt wants someone else present.

E: What Burns is doing is making sure....

K: You do not understand what I want Schmidt to do with Simon. It is not to conduct serious negotiations. Well it is done now. Are they going to see him?

E: There is no response yet.

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K: The fact that it is a Presidential letter makes it high power.

E: Well, we have a fair size interest in preventing a gold block. It is a question of which Europeans could coalesce three or four years from now.

K: Three or four years from now is a long time. Well it is done now.

E: Sorry, my fault.

K: O.K.